

FY 2020 Trailer Appropriation**S1043****Department: Judicial Branch****Sponsor(s): Raybould, Wintrow, Burtenshaw****Division(s): Court Operations****Program(s): District Courts****Description(s): Trailer Appropriation (S1043; Senate 2/14/19; House 3/15/19)****1. Background:**

S1043 adds one new district judge position with resident chambers in Ada County, beginning October 1, 2019. There are currently 45 district judges statewide (including administrative district judges). Of the 45 district judges, 11 are chambered in the Fourth Judicial District, each with resident chambers in Ada County. Also, the Supreme Court has an appropriation for 45 court reporters, one for each district judge. The last enhancement for judicial positions in Ada County occurred in FY 2014, when the Supreme Court received an appropriation for two magistrate judges, one district judge, and one court reporter. According to the court, the judiciary has been able to keep pace with the growth in court calendars only by the use of senior judges and by having active judges assigned to cases in districts other than their own.

The action, below, includes the addition of 2.00 FTP, 1.00 for a district judge and 1.00 for the associated court reporter. Also included is: (a) 75% of the associated ongoing personnel costs, i.e., salaries for the district judge (\$135,400) and court reporter (\$56,372), as well as variable benefit and health benefit costs; (b) 75% of the ongoing associated operating expenditures, i.e., travel costs (\$10,000); and (c) 100% of the onetime associated operating expenditures, i.e., computer equipment (\$5,000). This action would need to be annualized as a maintenance adjustment in FY 2021, in the amount of \$83,500 ongoing from the General Fund.

2. Action:**District Courts:**

Fund	Type	OT	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0001-00	Gen		2.00	242,900	7,500	0	0	0	250,400
0001-00	Gen	✓	0.00	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Total			2.00	242,900	12,500	0	0	0	255,400

3. Motion:**a. Motion:**

"I move for fiscal year 2020, for the Supreme Court, in the District Courts Program, an ongoing General Fund increase of 2.00 FTP, \$242,900 in personnel costs, and \$7,500 in operating expenditures, as well as a onetime General Fund increase of \$5,000 in operating expenditures, for the purpose of a district judge and a court reporter. The total for this motion is \$255,400 from the General Fund. This motion also includes lump sum authority."

b. Discussion:

"This motion aligns the court's budget to reflect the cost of adding a new district judge and court reporter, as required by S1043."